

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Five "One Minutes"		

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 3522](#) – "Employee Health Care Protection Act" (Rep. Cassidy – Energy and Commerce/Ways and Means). This bill would give insurance companies the option to continue offering all group-market plans that were in effect as of January 1, 2013, through 2018 outside of exchanges established under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This bill is not limited to current enrollees, but opens up access to non-ACA compliant plans to all groups and individuals. Employers who offer these plans would be deemed to meet the minimum coverage requirement set by the Affordable Care Act – allowing employers who are currently offering coverage that meets ACA standards to offer far less comprehensive, substandard coverage and take away the consumer protections employees currently have under the ACA.

Further, because plans sold prior to 2014 did not need to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act's exchanges, enrollees in those plans remain vulnerable to limited coverage policies and abusive insurance company practices. Insurance companies would be able to discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions, restore annual caps on the amount of care you can receive, and force women to pay more than men for the same coverage.

This bill represents the 53rd time that Republicans have voted to undermine, repeal or defund the Affordable Care Act. With only a few short weeks left before another long recess, House Republicans are wasting time on yet another messaging bill that has no chance of becoming law. The White House agrees and has issued a SAP stating that the President would veto this bill. Republicans should stop ignoring the serious issues currently facing our nation and instead work with Democrats to create jobs and jumpstart the middle class.

The Rule, which was adopted yesterday, provides for no further general debate. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

Bill Text for H.R. 3522:[PDF Version](#)**Background for H.R. 3522:**[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)[House Report \(PDF Version\)](#)**Postponed Suspensions (3 bills)**

- 1) [H.R. 5161](#) – E-LABEL Act (Rep. Latta – Energy and Commerce)
- 2) [H.R. 5057](#) – EPS Service Parts Act of 2014, as amended (Rep. Gardner – Energy and Commerce)
- 3) [S. 276](#) – A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir (Sen. Risch – Energy and Commerce)

The Daily Quote

"Delaying the House vote on the short-term spending bill condenses the already tight time frame lawmakers face to ensure the government keeps running. Its current funding expires on Sept. 30 because the House and Senate have yet to agree on any of the annual appropriations bills. And it increases the time GOP lawmakers will be pressured to oppose the measure from outside conservative groups, who came out against it Wednesday. Some Republicans said they planned to vote against the short-term spending bill because they want to see it extended into 2015, rather than revisited in a lame-duck session. Sen. Ted Cruz (R., Texas) said House and Senate Republicans should insist on extending the measure into next year."

- Wall Street Journal, 9/10/2014